

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Promotion of Internet Coordination Activities

Between

Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC)

P.O. Box 10096
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And

Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC)

P.O Box 75606 – Riyadh 11588
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Whereas the RIPE NCC is a not-for-profit association and has as an objective to perform coordination activities for the support of the stable operation of the Internet;

Whereas the Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, is responsible for the regulation of the ICT sector and has the authority to oversee the management and operation of the national Internet;

The undersigned RIPE NCC and CITC (collectively referred to as “Parties”) wish to commit to an ongoing collaboration for the promotion of Internet coordination activities for a stable and secure Internet in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in the surrounding region.

For the purposes of this collaboration:

1. The Parties will cooperate through all possible means within their mandates and capacities to achieve a stable operation of the Internet and better utilization of its resources in the Kingdom.
2. The RIPE NCC will cooperate with CITC to provide reports on the Internet infrastructure in the Kingdom, using RIPE NCC measurements and statistics tools.
3. The Parties will cooperate on Internet development in the Kingdom, including organising and hosting relevant training courses, workshops, meetings and conferences for relevant entities.
4. The RIPE NCC will support CITC and Saudi RIPE NCC members with technical expertise as needed.
5. Through its academic initiatives including the RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative (RACI), the RIPE NCC, in cooperation with CITC, will (virtually or physically) visit selected universities and sponsor successful RACI applicants to attend RIPE meetings to meet with the global Internet community.
6. The Parties will cooperate for the promotion of RIPE Atlas and work together to enhance its deployment in the Kingdom.
7. Each Party will assume full responsibility for their own expenses incurring from activities under this MoU, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

STATUS OF THIS MOU

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that the MoU is non-binding and does not create any obligations under law.

This MoU and the collaboration described are independent from other collaboration efforts the RIPE NCC may undertake or commit to in the region.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties arising from or in connection to this MoU shall be settled directly and amicably by the Parties through mutual negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications under this MoU shall be in writing by mail or other means as agreed by the Parties and sent to the addresses stated in this MoU.

TERMS, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

The MoU shall enter into force when signed by the Parties and shall run until 31 July 2021. After this date, the MoU shall be automatically extended by one year at a time, unless one of the Parties gives written notice to the other Party, at least three months before the scheduled termination date, of its intention not to extend the MoU.

The MoU may be amended upon written agreement by both Parties at any time.

CITC

RIPE NCC

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